



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION FOR INSTITUTIONAL
INSPECTIONS**

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Wednesday, April 23, 2014

10:00 AM

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (14-1907)

Call to Order. (14-1665)

Chairperson Montaña called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

Chairperson Montaña led in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence.

Present: Chairperson Eleanor R. Montaña, Commissioner Barbara Bigby, Commissioner Cheryl Grills Ph.D. and Commissioner Donald S. Andrews

Excused: Vice Chairperson Frank S. Bacio, Commissioner Anne S. Hill and Commissioner Susan Burton

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER

1. Approval of the April 2, 2014 Minutes. (14-1666)

On motion of Commissioner Bigby, seconded by Commissioner Andrews, this item was approved.

Attachments: [SUPPORTING DOCUMENT](#)

II. REPORTS

2. Chairperson's Report on various items for April 23, 2014. (14-1667)

Chairperson Montaña shared the following Newspaper Articles and report:

Daily Breeze:

- Supervisors praise, pan child welfare reform report (April 23, 2014)
- Child safety crisis warned (April 22, 2014)
- McDonnell can repair Sheriff's Department (April 13, 2014)
- Bill would target demand side of child sex trafficking (Commentary: April 6, 2014)

Los Angeles Times:

- County leaders consider reforms of child services (April 23, 2014)
- Helping relatives help kids (April 16, 2014)
- Cleaning house (April 15, 2014)
- L.A. budget plan calls for 911 overhaul (April 15, 2014)
- Keeping watch on jail violence (April 14, 2014)
- How to protect the children (April 13, 2014)
- Blunt words on child protection (April 11, 2014)
- Sheriff's deputy to get prison time (April 5, 2014)

During discussion, Commissioner Cheryl Grills, Ph.D. urged Commissioners to review the Blue Ribbon Commission's Report to the Board of Supervisors in order to get ideas of how to effectively collaborate with other Commissions and County departments, such as Commission for Children and Families, Probation Department, Department of Children and Family Services in addressing the myriad of issues involving children.

3. Treasurer's Report for April 23, 2014. (14-1668)

There was no Treasurer's Report.

4. Staff Report on Correspondence Received, and Department Representative Reports for April 23, 2014. (14-1669)

There was no Staff Report.

5. Review of Group Home Compliance Monitoring Audit Reports presented on April 23, 2014. (14-1670)

In Compliance:

- Commissioner Barbara Bigby visited Hillside Home for Children, page 21, #4, on April 8, 2014; Hillside Home for Children, page 21, #2, on April 10, 2014 and Hillside Home for Children, page 22, #1, on April 22, 2014.

6. Commissioners' Reports on Group Home and/or Detention Facilities Inspections from April 3, 2014 to April 22, 2014. (14-1671)

During the reporting period, the following facilities/group homes were reported as being in satisfactory condition:

Chairperson Montaña visited Downey Courthouse on April 15, 2014 and South Bay Bright Future, Page 37, #4, on April 21, 2014.

Chairperson Montaña and Commissioner Andrews visited Beverly Hills Courthouse on April 8, 2014; Bellflower Branch Courthouse on April 9, 2014; Norwalk Branch Courthouse on April 14, 2014 and Camp Miller on April 10, 2014.

During discussion, Chairperson Montaña and Commissioner Andrews stated that the trade program offered at Camp Miller is important and provides valuable experience to its youth. They would like the children to have an opportunity to complete a one year trade program at Camp Miller; however, the kids are only allowed a six month stay, which does not give them enough time to gain the one year experience required when applying for a job after leaving the Camp. Commissioner Andrews stated that the Commission should inform Judges of the importance and value of Camp Miller's trade program in order to encourage the Judges to hand out longer sentences which would allow time for the kids to complete the trade program.

Commissioner Cheryl Grills, Ph.D. opposed the idea of encouraging Judges to hand out longer sentences to kids to allow them to complete a trade program. She urged the Commission to consider partnering with community groups and churches to find feasible alternatives/options that would benefit the kids. She stated that attending trade programs within their communities rather than at juvenile camps would be more beneficial for the kids.

Commissioner Bigby visited Penny Lane #3, Page 33, #1, on April 3, 2014; Penny Lane #8, Page 32, #3, on April 4, 2014; Penny Lane #7, Page 32, #2, on April 9, 2014; Penny Lane #4, Page 33, #3, on April 17, 2014 and Penny Lane #2, Page 32, #1, on April 18, 2014.

Following discussion, by Common Consent, there being no objection, this item was received and filed.

III. MISCELLANEOUS

Matters Not Posted

7. Matters not on the posted agenda, to be discussed and (if requested) referred to staff or placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take action came to the attention of the Committee subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (14-1672)

This item was introduced for discussion and placed on the April 30, 2014 agenda.

Public Comment

8. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (14-1673)

There were no members of the public present to address the Commission.

Adjournment

9. Adjournment for the meeting of April 23, 2014. (14-1674)

There being no further business, Chairperson Montaña adjourned the meeting of April 23, 2014 at 1:51 p.m.